Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LOME 01304 182010Z
ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 H-01 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00
/023 W
----------182049Z 067650 /75
P R 181230Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY LOME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2181
INFO SECDEF WASHDC
USDAO ABIDJAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L LOME 1304

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PFOR, PINT, TO
SUBJECT:JUSTIFICATION FOR TOGOLESE MILITARY TRAINING AND EDUCATION
PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 097954, (B) AFRICAN POLICY ANALYSIS AND
RESOURCE ALLOCATION (PARA) PAPER, TOGO, 1976, (C) LOME 0738,

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FORTHCOMING WASHINGTON RESPONSE
TO OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE CONTACT WITH TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT
THROUGH A MODEST MILITARY ORIENTATION/TRAINING EFFORT.

2. AT POST'S REQUEST ABIDJAN-BASED DATT VISITED LOME
MAY 15-18 TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING JUSTIFICATION FOR ORIEN-
TATION/TRAINING PROGRAM. OUR ANALYSIS OF AR 550-50
(EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF FOREIGN PERSONNEL BY THE US
ARMY) AND DOD 5105.38M (MILITARY ASSITANCE AND SALES
MANUAL) MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO INITIATE
A TOGOLESE ORIENTATION/TRAINING PROGRAM BY AN ORIENTATION
TOUR SO THAT TOGOLESE MILITARY COULD DEVELOP APPRECIATION
OF FULL RANGE US MILITARY TRAINING CAPABILITIES. EMBASSY
WOULD RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA THAT PERSONNEL
SELECTED FOR THIS INITIAL ORIENTATION TOUR BE TASKED
WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING SURVEY OF US TRAINING POSSI-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LOME 01304 182010Z

BILITIES SO THAT SPECIFIC TOGOLESE NEEDS COULD BE
ADDRESSED IN FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM.

3. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT MILITARY-MANAGEMENT
TYPE TRAINING FOR COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS WOULD BE OF
DIRECT BENEFIT TO TOGOLESE MILITARY; HOWEVER, IT IS PROBABLY
PREMATURE TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM OF SUCH SPECIFICITY

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

UNTIL TOGOLESE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE TYPES OF NEEDS
US-TRAINING CAN FULFILL.

4. ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO OFFER
TO GOT IN FY 1977 AN ORIENTATION TRAINING TOUR (OTT FOR
TOGOLESE OFFICERS (PARA 4-1, CHAPTER IV, AR 550-50 STATES
THAT NORMALLY OTT WILL INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF THREE OFFICERS).
AS INDICATED, GOT WOULD BE INFORMED THAT PURPOSE OF OTT
WOULD BE FAMILIARIZATION WITH US TRAINING POSSIBILITIES
FOR SUCCEEDING YEARS. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT
OTT AND FOLLOW-ON TRAINING BE ENTIRELY FUNDED BY USG SO
THAT MAXIMUM POLITICAL EFFECT CAN BE ACHIEVED.

5. REQUESTED MILITARY TRAINING IS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF
OBJECTIVES TWO, THREE, FIVE AND SIX OF 1976 PARA (REF B),
WHICH IN SUM CALL FOR INCREASED COOPERATIVE CONTACT
BETWEEN OFFICIAL AMERICANS AND TOGOLESE ELITE AND IMPROVED
WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT AND
MILITARY. THESE OBJECTIVES WERE REITERATED IN
THE 1977 EMBASSY PARM SUBMISSION (REF C).

6. REQUESTED MILITARY TRAINING ALSO SUPPORTS OBJECTIVES
OF THE GENERAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY: ASSISTING
TOGO TO DEVELOP EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR MANAGEMENT AND
OPERATION OF ITS DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT; FOSTERING DEVELOP-
MENT OF ITS OWN INDIGENOUS TRAINING CAPABILITIES;
PROMOTING U.S. MILITARY RAPPORT WITH TOGOLESE MILITARY;
PROMOTING THE FOREIGN POLICY, SECURITY AND GENERAL WELFARE
OF THE U.S. (AS SPELLED OUT IN REFERENCE B) BY ASSISTING
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LOME 01304 182010Z

TOGO TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY; AND
PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES,
INCLUDING ITS PEOPLE, POLITICAL SYSTEM AND ITS INSTITUTIONS.

7. MILITARY TRAINING AND ESPECIALLY THE OTT IS UNDOUBTEDLY
ONE OF THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT HAS TO OFFER. FOR RELATIVELY LITTLE MONEY AND
EFFORT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN POSSIBLY INFLUENCE THE
GROUP FROM WHICH TOGO'S PRESIDENT CAME AND FROM WHICH
TOGO'S POTENTIAL DECISION MAKERS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY
COME.

8. OTT DETAILS WOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH TOGOLESE MILITARY
FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OFFER. HOWEVER,
EMBASSY ENVISIONS OTT WOULD INCLUDE VISIT TO ARMY
TRAINING COMMAND (TRADOC), COMBAT ARMS TRAINING CENTERS
AND COMBAT SUPPORT AND SERVICE TRAINING CENTERS. OTT
MIGHT ALSO VISIT LACKLAND AIR BASE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTER (DLIELC) AND FORT BELVOIR FOR

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

CIVIC ACTION ORIENTATION.
PALMER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY TRAINING, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977LOME01304
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770177-0261
Format: TEL
From: LOME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770544/aaaabmfp.tel
Line Count: 118
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 14d9e390-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 97954
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2473120
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JUSTIFICATION FOR TOGOLESE MILITARY TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM
TAGS: MASS, PFOR, PINT, TO, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/14d9e390-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009